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April 10, 2002

Hon. Kemp Hannon  
Member of the Senate  
State of New York  
Room 609 - Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12247

Re: Tutor Time Daycare Center  
Mineola / Nassau County

Dear Senator Hannon:

Thank you for your March 1, 2002 letter to Commissioner Novello regarding concerns related to tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination at the Tutor Time Daycare Center in Mineola, Nassau County.

Please be assured that the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is closely following the situation at Tutor Time. As you are aware, on February 13, 2002 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and NYSDOH held a public meeting to inform parents of the air quality issues and the steps taken to reduce exposures to PCE at Tutor Time. Since that time, all involved agencies remain in contact to ensure that all parties have the most current information available.

Additional activities include investigations by the USEPA at the neighboring Jackson Steel site to locate sources of the PCE contamination, and monitoring of indoor air quality at Tutor Time. The USEPA and NYSDOH will evaluate, on a continuing basis, the information and data that are developed, and will take appropriate action.

In addition, the NYSDOH has responded to questions raised by parents and physicians of children who have attended Tutor Time. Applications for the NYSDOH Volatile Organic Compound Registry will also be made available to parents who wish to enroll their children in the registry. This registry was established several years ago and is intended to follow people who may have been exposed to volatile organic compounds for a long period of time to see if in the future they develop health problems that could be associated with the exposure.

We will keep you apprised of activities related to the Tutor Time Daycare Center and Jackson Steel facilities as they arise. If you have additional questions regarding Tutor Time and the Jackson Steel site, please contact me at (518) 402-7500 or have your staff contact Mr. Gary Litwin, Director of our Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation at (518) 402-7850.

Sincerely,

Ronald Tramontano  
Director  
Center for Environmental Health

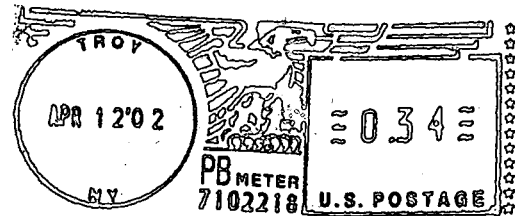
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